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SUBJECT: CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES

REF: (A) STATE 235919, (B) STATE 233034, (C) EC BRUSSELS 8272,

(D) STATE 215547

1. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, WE MADE DEMARCHE TO IRISH DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON MATTER OF VOTE ON CHARTER. WE FOUND OUR IRISH CONTACT TO BE WELL-BRIEFED ON SUBJECT AND TO BE FULLY ACQUAINTED WITH USG POSITION. WE NEVERTHELESS REITERATED POINTS IN REFTELS.

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2. IRISH GOVERNMENT HAS NOT TAKEN FINAL DECISION ON HOW IT

WILL VOTE ON CHARTER, AND DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FERVENTLY HOPES THAT VOTE WILL NOT ACTUALLY TAKE PLACE, THUS SPARING GOVERNMENT OF NEED TO TAKE POSITION. BASICALLY, IRELAND'S REACTION TO CHARTER IS DIFFERENT THAN THAT OF THE US INASMUCH AS IRELAND IS HOST COUNTRY FOR FOREIGN CAPITAL INVESTMENT, AND IRELAND'S INVESTMENTS ABROAD ARE NEGLIGIBLE. IRELAND, LIKE MANY OF ITS EUROPEAN PARTNERS, IS MORE CONCERNED WITH SECURITY OF SOURCES OF RAW MATERIALS AND THEREFORE IS RELUCTANT TO HAVE CONFRONTATION WITH THIRD WORLD PRODUCERS. NOTING THAT EC MIGHT DECIDE TO VOTE AGAINST CHARTER ALONG WITH US, OUR FOREIGN OFFICE CONTACT OPINED THAT IRELAND MIGHT ABSTAIN RATHER THAN TAKE POSITION CONTRARY TO ITS EC PARTNERS.

3. IRISH ARE CONCERNED, HOWEVER, BY RECENT INDICATIONS THAT CHARTER MAY BE DEVELOPING INTO A TOOL THAT RELATIVELY WELL OFF LDC'S WILL USE TO "BEAT RICH COUNTRIES OVER THE HEAD" WHILE NEGLECTING REALLY IMPOVERISHED COUNTRIES SUCH AS INDIA AND BANGLADESH. IF IRISH CONCLUDE THAT CHARTER IS INDEED DEVELOPING INTO SUCH A TOOL, THEY WILL SERIOUSLY CONSIDER OPPOSING IT.

4. IN SUMMARY, IRISH GOVERNMENT IS WAFLING ON THIS ISSUE. PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT IT MAY SUPPORT CHARTER OR, AT BEST ABSTAIN. WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION (IF ANY) THAT MIGHT SUPPORT IRISH SUSPICION OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH THREE ABOVE. THIS MIGHT MAKE IT POSSIBLE SWING THEM MORE IN OUR DIRECTION, ALTHOUGH THEIR BASIC SYMPATHIES ARE WITH CHARTER AS IT STANDS.
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